Steps to Improve the Functioning of Army Administration

3S6. SHRl ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

SHRl MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRl SATYA PRAKASH MALAV1YA :

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(aJ whether it is a fact that gross discontentment exists among various ranks o{ army personnel regarding their career prospects dor to supersession of Army officers and /or certain other reasons :

(b) whether Government have at anytime examined Hie various grievances of the Army pt-rsonnel with regard to their service career, by any independent audio-Lily ;

(c) if so, what arc the detads thereof stating the measures taken by Government to improve the situation ; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to appoint any independent expert authority to go into the various aspect of deficiencies of management in the various wings of the Indian Army for the purposes of recommending an efficient structure of the officers cadres to remove the grievance* of the Army Personnel .'

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) . (a) Government do not have any information to suggest that there is any discontentment among Army personnel regarding t'isir career prospects.

(b» and (c) As model employers. Government periodically review the service conditions and career prospects of al! their employees and make such improvements therein as are considered necessary. Cadre Reviews are a part of such exercises.

(d) In view of answer to (b) and (c). this does not arise.

Fire in Kirkee Ordnance Factory

387. SHRl RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

SHRI MURL1DHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be leased to state :

(al whether any enquiry has been s onducted into the fire in Kirkee Ordnance (Factory, Pune on 8th April, 1992 ; if so, Ht what level ; and

(b) what arc the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. Enquiry-has been conducted by a Board of inquiry consisting of seven Senior Officers, headed by tiie Controller of Quality Assurance (Military Explosives).

Co) The findings of the Board of Inquiry along with the comments of Ordnance Victory Board, are under consideration of the Government.

Cost over run in the production of T-77. Tanks

388.SHRI D1GVIJAY SINGH:

SHRl SATYA PRAKASH MALA-V1YA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE, be p'rased to state what follow-up acticn has been taken by Government on the report f C & AG regarding cost over run in the reduction and induction of T-72 tanks, -idigenously produced by Ordnance Factory ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARAD PAWAR) : All efforts are being made to complete the Project within the motioned amount of investment, despite increase in costs of machines, both imported and indigenous, by way of intense re. and study of processes and keeping requirements of plant and Machinery to the bare minimum.

I/VF Plane crash in Arunachal Pradesh

389. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Wiil the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

'a) whether an IAF AN-32 plane crashed near Nayapin (Palin), Lower Subansiri